



For more information about  
how to reduce your  
Carbon Footprint visit:



**California Agencies**

*California Air Resources Board*  
[www.arb.ca.gov](http://www.arb.ca.gov)



*California Environmental Protection Agency*  
[www.calepa.ca.gov](http://www.calepa.ca.gov)



*California Dept. of Resources Recycling  
and Recovery*  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov)



*California Energy Commission*  
[www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov)

*California Public Utilities Commission*  
[www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)



*Go Solar California*  
[www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov](http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov)

**Federal Agencies**

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:*  
*Climate Change*  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)



*Energy Star (U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency & U.S. Dept. of Energy)*  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)



*U.S. Department of Energy: Green Power*  
[www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower](http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower)

**Organizations**

*Cool California*  
[www.coolcalifornia.org](http://www.coolcalifornia.org)

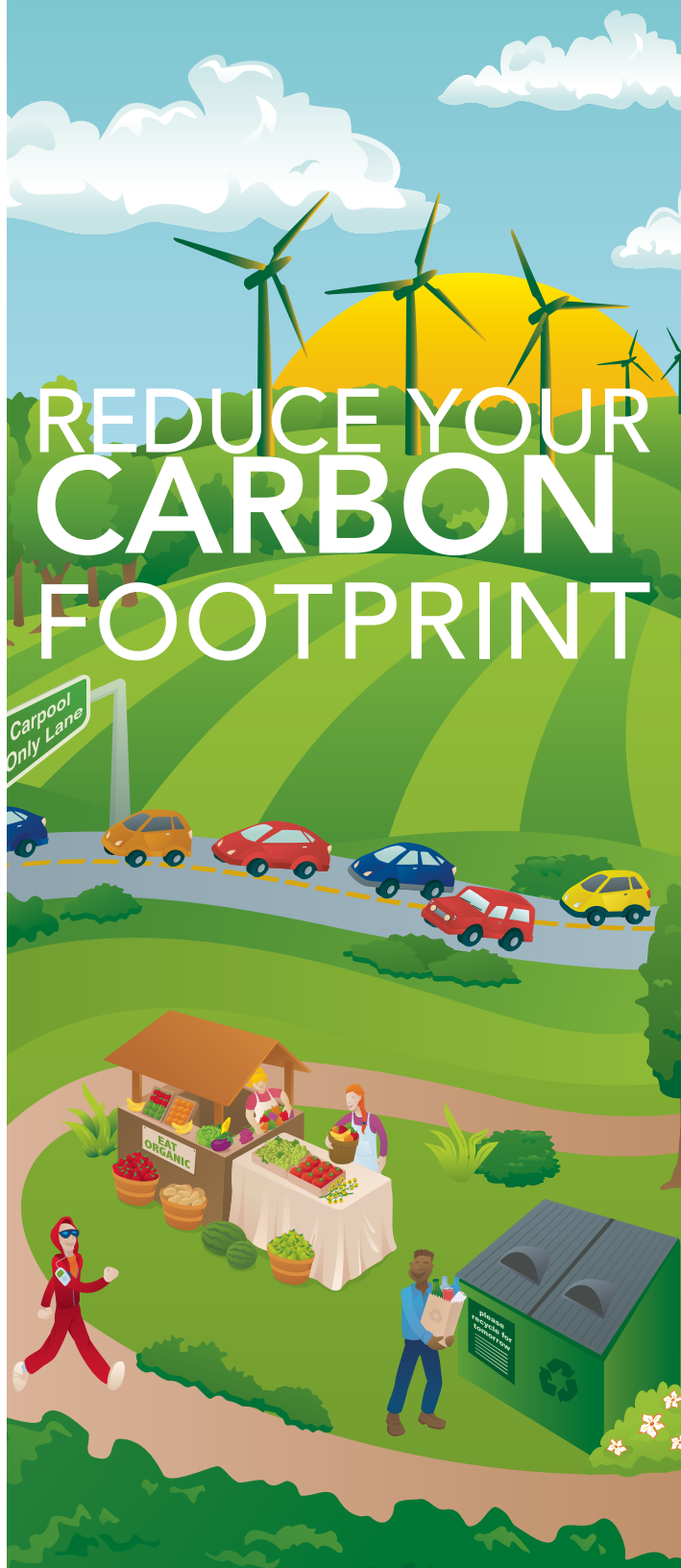


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## REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Every person engages in daily activities that release carbon emissions – emissions that contribute to global warming. The collective amount of these emissions released by an individual into the environment is referred to as a “carbon footprint.” Even people living environmentally-friendly lifestyles have carbon footprints, albeit smaller footprints than others.

The State Legislature is committed to reducing California’s carbon footprint by continuing to pursue legislation that seeks to decrease carbon dioxide emissions. Together, Californians can work to reduce carbon footprints and cut carbon dioxide emissions to the goal of 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

By properly conserving and effectively utilizing energy, water, and natural resources, it can be done. Share the following energy and money saving tips with your friends and family.

### GREEN YOUR TRANSPORTATION

Passenger vehicles create about 27% of the total greenhouse gas emissions in California. By walking, biking, taking public transportation or carpooling to work or when running errands, you can reduce gas emissions and save money.

Visit the California Air Resources website for more information: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/cando.htm>

### CHANGE THE LIGHTS

Save up to \$35 annually in energy costs by permanently replacing incandescent light bulbs with CFLs. Switching just five bulbs is the equivalent of taking 414,000 cars off the road.



### UNPLUG IT

Save up to \$75 annually by unplugging power chords or turning off power strips when not needed. About 75% of energy used by home appliances is consumed while they are turned off but still plugged in.



### SET YOUR THERMOSTAT FOR THE SEASON

Save up to \$180 a year on home cooling and heating bills by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher in the summer, 68 degrees or lower in the winter, and 55 degrees or lower at night or when you are away.



### REDUCE YOUR HOUSEHOLD WATER CONSUMPTION

As much as 19% of California’s electricity is used to pump, transport and treat water. California is experiencing a drought – do what you can to reduce water consumption and save money by doing so.

Visit the California Public Utilities Commission website for more information: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/water/>



### INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT HOME

Save up to \$75 annually by purchasing appliances with the Energy Star label.

Also using major appliances such as clothes washers and dishwashers after 7 pm will allow you to avoid peak hours.

Visit the California Energy Commission’s website for more information: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/outreach/index.html>



### GO SOLAR



Solar homes qualify for federal income tax credits of up to 30% of the cost of the system. You can reduce your energy bills by up to 60% by installing solar energy panels.

Visit the Go Solar California’s website for more information: [www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov](http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov)



### BE A BETTER CONSUMER

Reuse as many things as possible and recycle at home and at work.

Visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery website for more information: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/default.htm>



### MAKE YOUR YARD WORK FOR YOU

Cut down on the amount of your yard waste by composting and grasscycling.

Visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery’s (CalRecycle) website for more information: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/default.htm>



### SIZE UP YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Visit the Cool California website to calculate your carbon footprint and to find more tips and information: <http://www.coolcalifornia.org/>



**Californians have the power to reduce their carbon footprints by properly conserving and effectively utilizing energy, water and natural resources.**